

# Welcome



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## to Janes Island State Park!

*Janes Island is a unique destination to view the varied wildlife of the lower Chesapeake Bay region. Take your boat and enjoy limitless vistas of shallow bays and marshes. More than 30 miles of water trails wind through a 2,900 acre saltmarsh island. Anglers enjoy fishing the Tangier Sound. Visitors have a variety of overnight options, from full-service cabins to primitive campsites on the island.*



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*While you are enjoying the park, please help us protect its natural and historic resources by following Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics.*

# The Earliest Inhabitants

Paleo-Indians first settled this region approximately 13,000 years ago. At that time, sea levels were 350 feet lower than they are today and mammoths, horses and bison roamed across Somerset County, Maryland. As Tangier Sound was transformed from a freshwater river to an estuary rich in shellfish, prehistoric cultures occupied the landmass that would become Janes Island. The artifacts found along the shoreline of Janes Island represent a variety of activities by primitive man, from hunting mammoths to shucking oysters. In a sense, native people living on Janes Island were practicing a lifestyle very similar to the modern watermen surviving off the bounty of the Chesapeake Bay.

Janes Island is part of the Beach to Bay Indian Trail. This trail recognizes travel patterns established by the American Indians and later followed by the first European settlers. For more information contact Somerset County Tourism at 1-800-521-9189.



*Allow others to discover historic artifacts by leaving them as you find them.*



Christina Holden

## Nature Center & Park Store

Stop at the nature center to learn about the rich human and natural history of the area and Janes Island. Camping and fishing supplies are available for sale at the adjoining park store, as well as canoe and kayak rentals.



*Janes Island State Park is a Chesapeake Bay Gateway, one of over 100 special places to experience the Chesapeake. To find more Bay Gateways visit [www.baygateways.net](http://www.baygateways.net)*

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*Plan your outdoor adventures  
or order trail guides on our website!*  
[www.dnr.maryland.gov](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov)

## Park Guidelines and Regulations

- **Pets are not permitted in the state park.**
- **There is no day-use service charge.**
- **Please report any problem to a park employee or call *Park Watch* at 1-800-825-7275.**
- **Remember, our park is Trash-free. Trash cans are not available in the day-use areas. Pack it in, pack it out!**

## Friends of Janes Island

Janes Island State Park Volunteers, Inc is a non-profit foundation established for the purpose of maintaining and enhancing park facilities, trails and programs. Volunteers and financial tax-exempt donations are welcome. For further information contact the park office at (410) 968-1565.



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## JANES ISLAND STATE PARK

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CRABBING • FISHING • BIRDING



## Water Recreation

### Boating

There are 25 boat slips available to campers for rent. A boat launch serves both campers and day-users.

### Paddling

Janes Island offers more than 30 miles of marked water trails that wind throughout the park's saltmarshes. Most of the waterways are protected from wind and current providing ideal conditions. Canoes and kayaks can be rented during the camping season. Plan an overnight paddle camping in one of three primitive campsite platforms located on the island.

### Fishing and Crabbing

In the Tangier Sound, anglers can fish for striped bass, sea trout, spot, croaker, flounder and bluefish. A Chesapeake Bay Sportfishing License is required for anyone over 16 years old. Licenses are available for purchase at the park store. An accessible fish cleaning table is conveniently located at the marina.

### Swimming

Several beaches on Janes Island offer excellent access to water. There is no lifeguard on duty. Swim at your own risk! The beaches are accessible by boat only.



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## Recreation

### Birding

The island provides an ideal environment for waterfowl, shore birds and other avian species. A 24 foot high observation platform is located adjacent to the Environmental Education Center. Bring your binoculars! A birdwatcher checklist is available at the park store.

### Trail and Orienteering Course

Janes Island features a 1 mile trail ideal for a leisurely walk. Be aware of poison ivy and ticks while hiking in the summer. You can also test your map and compass skills on the Orienteering Course. For more information, visit the park store.

### Day-use

A playground area features a children's play structure, ball field, sand volley ball court. Volleyballs, baseball bats and balls are available for rent from the park store.

### Hunting

In season, waterfowl hunting is permitted on Janes Island. For information on seasons and regulations, contact the park or visit [www.dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/huntersguide).



*Keep wildlife wild by not feeding them and keeping your distance.*

A water trail guide with a map and trail descriptions is available for purchase at the park office, or on our website: [www.dnr.maryland.gov/outdooradventures](http://www.dnr.maryland.gov/outdooradventures)

## Camping, Picnicking & Conference Center

*The campground and camper cabins are open from May until the end of October. Full service cabins are open year-round. Camping Registration at the park store*

### Family Camping

The park has 104 campsites, 49 of which are equipped with electrical hookups (30 amp and 20 amp, 115 volt). All sites have a picnic table and a fire ring. Restrooms with hot showers are conveniently located.

### Cabins

Four full-service waterfront cabins sleeping six people are available. The cabins have three bedrooms, a kitchen, a bathroom, electric heat, a fireplace, air-conditioning, screened porch with a picnic table and outside grill. Five waterfront camper cabins with a capacity of four persons feature electricity, table and chairs, either two sets of bunk beds, or one double bed with one set of bunk beds, ceiling fan, picnic table and fire ring. Restrooms are shared with the campground.

### Daugherty Creek Conference Center

This facility has an overnight capacity of 16 persons and a meeting/dinner capacity of 65. It is available for day or overnight use, as well as, on a weekly basis. Reservations can be made through the park office.

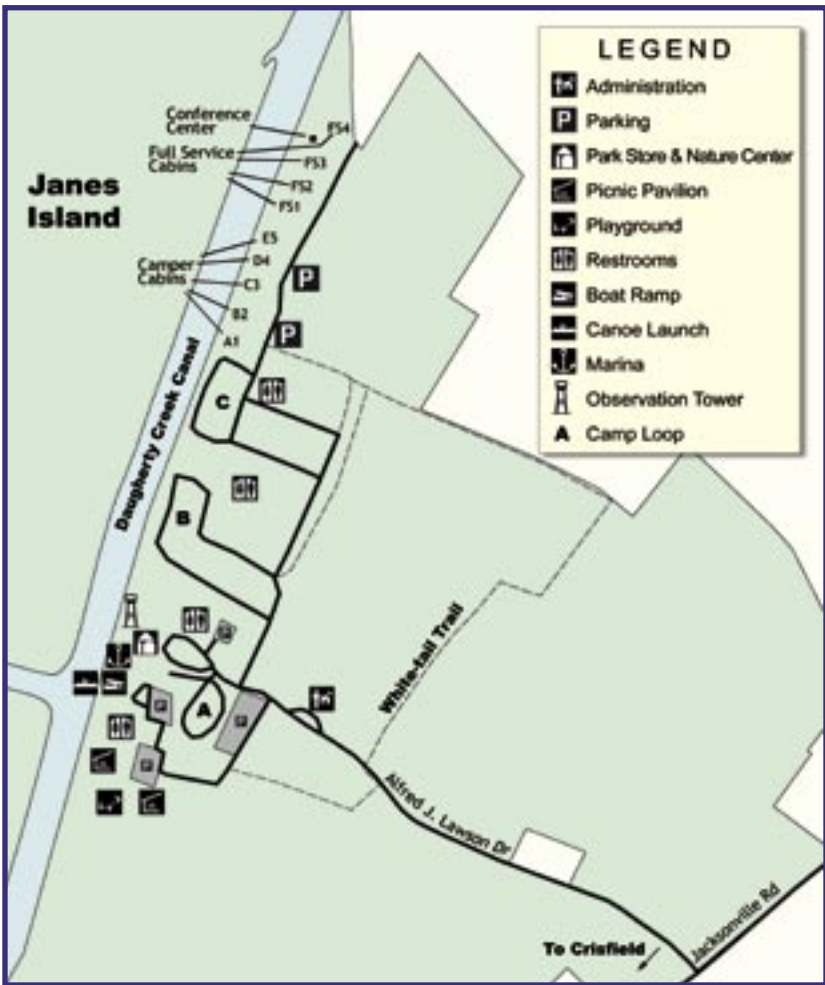
### Picnicking and Pavilions

A picnic area with tables and charcoal grills is available at no charge. Two picnic pavilions each with a capacity of 120 persons are available for rent.

*To make pavilion, cabin or camping reservations, call Park-Reservations at 1-888-432-2267. Or make your reservation on the Internet: [reservations.dnr.state.md.us](http://reservations.dnr.state.md.us)*

## Directions

From the Bay Bridge, take Rt. 50 east to Salisbury. Take Rt. 13 south. Exit Rt. 13 onto Rt. 413 and follow signs to Crisfield. Turn right onto Plantation Road, which becomes Jacksonville Rd. Turn right onto Alfred J. Lawson Drive.



Great Blue Heron